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Mr. Secretary:

I am desirous of obtaining information regarding the procedures necessary to institute a claim against the U.S. State Department, pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act. This claim pertains to three families of victims of the Jonestown, Guyana incident of November 18, 1978, namely the Nailor, Rodriquez and Bordenave families.

Specifically, we need information as to whether there is a particular form necessary to initiate such an action, or if this is accomplsihed by filing a complaint under the above Act, naming the State Department as a party. Further, what is the statute of Limitations for such a claim?

Should there be such a form, please inform me of how, and or where, to obtain such a form and of any pertinent filing procedures. If a claim can only be brought by means of a complaint please inform me of where such a complaint must be filed, and also whether naming the U.S. Department of State specifically, would be proper. I would also appreciate information regarding my other relevant steps or procedures.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

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